

Abstract

The present invention relates to novel cardiovascular system related polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides herein collectively known as "cardiovascular system antigens," and the use of such cardiovascular system antigens for detecting disorders of the cardiovascular system, particularly the presence of cancer of cardiovascular system tissues and cancer metastases. More specifically, isolated cardiovascular system associated nucleic acid molecules are provided encoding novel cardiovascular system associated polypeptides. Novel cardiovascular system polypeptides and antibodies that bind to these polypeptides are provided. Also provided are vectors, host cells, and recombinant and synthetic methods for producing human cardiovascular system associated polynucleotides and/or polypeptides. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosing, treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to the cardiovascular system, including cancer of cardiovascular system tissues, and therapeutic methods for treating such disorders. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the invention. The present invention further relates to methods and/or compositions for inhibiting the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.